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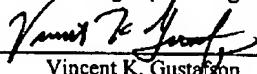
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RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 20, 2007 OFFICE ACTION; REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME; AND SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION OF TILAK M. SHAH UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132; IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/633,238

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The time for responding to the February 20, 2007 Office Action without fee was set at three months, or May 20, 2007. Accordingly, Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 to extend the time for responding to June 20, 2007. Payment of the \$60.00 fee (small entity) for such extension is authorized in the enclosed Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038.

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Submitted herewith is a Declaration of Tilak M. Shah Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 ("Shah Declaration") relating to the instant application.

No amendments to the claims are made herewith; however, for the convenience of the examiner, the claims of the application are set out in **Section I (Statement of the Claims)** hereof.

Remarks concerning the amendments to the claims and the substance of the February 20, 2007 Office Action are set out in **Section II (Remarks)** hereof.